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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner Mullis:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action, dated October 3, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for reply expired on January 3, 2007, thus with the acceptance of the accompanying request for a two-month extension of time and the associated fee, Applicants believe this response to be timely filed.

Applicants believe that no further fees are due with this response, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment

form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: